Availability of Defibrillators in Government hospitals

932. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of number of Defibrillators in Government hospitals ICCUs all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is huge shortage of Defibrillators in Government hospitals' ICCUs;

(c) if so, the steps, so far, taken or to be taken to get over this shortage; and

(d) The number of deaths occured due to non-availability of Defibrillators in Government hospitals all over the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Health being a state subject, the details relating of defibrillators in the State Government Hospitals and deaths due to non-availability of the same are not maintained Centrally. However, the number of defibrillators available in the ICCU of the Central Government hospitals in Delhi are as under:-

(i) Dr. R.M.L. Hospital - 10

(ii) Safdarjung Hospital - 01

(In addition to 4 Defibrillators in ICU/4 in Main O.T. and 1 each plastic/ eye and Gynae O.T.).

The Safdarjung Hospital has also intimated that they have placed orders for procurement of 8 Defibrillators.

There is no ICCU in LHMC and Associated Hospitals. However, three Defibrillators are available in its Casualty and ICU.

There is no report of death due to non-availability of Defibrillators in the above mentioned Central Government Hospitals.